

PROCLAMATION

Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service

April 7, 2015

WHEREAS, *service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and*

WHEREAS, *the nation's mayors are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet city needs; and*

WHEREAS, *AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our cities and counties, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and*

WHEREAS, *national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and*

WHEREAS, *AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 60,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and*

WHEREAS, *eight AmeriCorps VISTAs serve at Northern Illinois Food Bank helping to solve hunger in our community; and*

WHEREAS, *national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve with, both through their direct service and by recruiting and managing millions of additional volunteers; and*

WHEREAS, *national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and*

WHEREAS, *national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and*

WHEREAS, *the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, City of Service, and mayors across the country to recognize the impact of service on the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 7, 2015.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Karen Darch, President of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2015 as Mayor Day of Recognition for National Service in the Village of Barrington, and do hereby encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our Village, to thank those who service, and to find ways to give back to their communities.*

Dated this 30th day of March, 2015

Karen Darch, Village President